

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-19 and add Claim 20, as indicated below. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating the allocation of technology resource billings incurred by a user, said method ~~including~~ comprising:

receiving data corresponding to usage of a technology resource by said user;

receiving user information ~~relating to the technology resource, wherein said user information includes~~ including an internal structure defining a group within an entity at least one of an identifier, and billing information for said group, business model file, application profile, value driver, user level, geographic area, project, zone, third party provider, loyalty information and rule; and

allocating said technology resource billings to at least one of said user and said group, based on said user information.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said technology resource further includes at least one of computer usage wherein said computer usage includes computing time obtained from an outsourced provider, telephony resource usage, manufacturing cycles and production runs.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said receiving user information further includes receiving said user information at a controller.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein said receiving an identifier from said user includes~~ further including automatically recognizing said user.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 4, ~~wherein said receiving an identifier from said user includes automatically recognizing said user and~~ further including assigning an identifier to said user.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said allocating said technology resource billings ~~based on said user information~~ further includes allocating loyalty points to said user.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said allocating said technology resource billings ~~based on said user information~~ further includes reducing said technology resource billings by a monetary value of loyalty points.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said allocating said technology resource billings ~~based on said user information~~ further includes at least one of transferring, pooling and gifting ~~[[said]]~~ loyalty points.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further including providing a descriptive billing statement[[s]] including said user information.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 2, further including providing a descriptive billing statement[[s]] including at least one of:

said user information,

a total of computer usage time,

said computer usage time associated with [[each]] at least one of an

identifier, an account, a project, a process [[or]] and a division,

a time period[[s]] of said computer usage,

a user[[s]] associated with [[the]] said computer usage occurring during ~~any or all of the~~ said time period[[s]],

an authorization[[s]] received,

a rule engine guideline[[s]] used during [[the]] said computer usage,

a notification[[s]] sent by [[the]] a controller,

an account[[s]] billed for [[the]] said computer usage,

a processing power associated with [[each]] said computer usage,

a provider providing ~~the computing~~ said computer usage time,

said computer usage and said technology resource billings associated with at least one of a business model file[[s]], an application profile[[s]], and a value driver[[s]],

an analysis of at least one of said computer usage and said technology resource billings,

statistics of at least one of said computer usage and said technology resource billings,
~~graphical display of usage~~, and
graphical display of at least one of said computer usage and said technology resource billings.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further including adjusting said technology resource billings based upon at least one of a CPU-second[[s]] used, a total CPU-seconds expected to be used, a volume discount, a stepped-type of pricing, a peak/off-peak usage, a geographic location, a service[[s]] provided, a performance expectation[[s]], a location, a service level scoring, a CPU cycle, a local power consumption cost[[s]], a physical site security, an increased site security, an additional operational procedure[[s]] needed to support increased sensitive data, a level of fail over needed, a service level agreement[[s]], and an account data privacy requirement[[s]].

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of receiving user information further includes:

determining [[the]] said internal structure of said user entity, including various groups and sub-groups within said entity;

determining [[the]] a billing detail[[s]] of [[each]] a group within [[the]] said entity;

determining [[the]] a value driver[[s]] of [[the]] said entity; and

determining [[the]] an application profile[[s]] of [[the]] said entity.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~A method for facilitating managing computer usage, wherein said computer usage includes computing time obtained from an outsourced provider, said method~~ The method of claim 2, further including:

monitoring said computer usage; and,
notifying ~~[[a]]~~ said user of said computer usage.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein said monitoring said computer usage ~~of said technology resource~~ further includes monitoring in at least one of substantially real-time, a pre-established time period and a random time period.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein said notifying said user further includes notifying said user via at least one of phone, email, pager, cell phone, personal digital assistant, and fax.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein said notifying said user further includes providing at least one of a signal, a usage clock, and a monetary usage value to said user.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, further including performing data analysis of said computer usage.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, further including suggesting a cost efficient usage practice[[s]].

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, further including requesting a bid[[s]] based upon said monitoring step.

20. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said user information further includes at least one of an identifier, a business model file, an application profile, a value driver, a user level, a geographic area, a project, a zone, a third party provider, loyalty information and a rule.